

Gutner Point, Hayling Island, Hampshire, 26 September 2004

Leader: **John Langmaid**.—Eleven members and guests attended this meeting in conjunction with the British Plant Gall Society on one of the few dry Sundays in the autumn of 2004. We met up in the car park of a local garden centre by kind permission of the owners. Recording at Gutner Point Nature Reserve, known as the richest saltmarsh in Hampshire for flora, was by kind permission of Mr David Ball, Senior Ranger, Hampshire County Council Countryside Service.

Records for the day included those made down the leafy lane leading to the Reserve. Fifteen species of plant-gall were found including two Red Data Book (RDB3) species: *Myopites eximius* Ségué and *Myopites inulaedysentericae* Blot (Diptera: Tephritidae) and on *Inula crithmoides*. A total of seven dipterous, one hymenopterous and two coleopterous leaf-mines were recorded and fifty species of Lepidoptera, the majority of which were of leaf-miners. A new vice-county record for south Hampshire (VC 11) was a mine of *Ectoedemia lousella* (Sirc.) in a samara of *Acer campestre*. Other notable species were mines of *Phyllocnistis xenia* Hering (pRDB3), only found new to Hampshire in 2003, on *Populus alba* and *P. × canescens*, and, among seven species of Coleophoridae, cases of *Coleophora aestuariella* Bradley on *Suaeda maritima* and *C. adjunctella* Hodgk. on *Juncus gerardii* (both Notable B).

The day was enjoyed by all, and it was pleasing to have recorded no less than seventy-six insect species, three species of powdery mildew and two other fungi on plants.

SHORT COMMUNICATION

Record of Grizzled Skipper butterfly *Pyrgus malvae* (L.) on field meeting, greatly valued.—Members may be interested to hear that the sighting of the Grizzled Skipper butterfly *Pyrgus malvae* (L.) on the BENHS field meeting at Red Farm Flash, North Somercotes, Lincolnshire on 31 May 2003 has created considerable interest in Lincolnshire. Allan Binding, Butterfly Recorder for the Lincolnshire Branch of Butterfly Conservation contacted me following publication of the relevant field meeting report (*BJENH* 17: 196–198) to inform me that he has no records of this species from the Lincolnshire Coast (VC54) since 1965 when it was seen at Mablethorpe. All recent Lincolnshire records of the Grizzled Skipper have been from South West Lincolnshire (VC53) where it still remains at a few sites. The butterfly was seen by the leader of the field meeting and is an absolutely certain record. It is highly unlikely that this species would have been released by anyone, especially at such a remote location.

Records of the Grizzled Skipper, including four adults on 16 May 2004, from the transect route walked weekly by the author at Peterborough since 2000, are also greatly valued (Val Perrin, Butterfly Recorder for Butterfly Conservation, Cambridgeshire & Essex Branch). The butterfly appears to be thriving at this site, where it benefits from site management directed mainly at the nationally scarce Four-spotted moth *Tyta luctuosa* (D.& S.). A photograph of this site can be found in a recent issue of *Butterfly* (88: 18). Comparison with the photograph of Red Farm Flash in *BJENH* 16: 251–252 shows that the habitat at the two sites is similar in many ways. Both are completely open with light, calcareous soils and a predominantly short to medium-length, herb-rich sward.—PAUL WARING, 1366 Lincoln Road, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 6LS.